



# Free College Tuition for all Guardsmen!

## Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program (NGTW)

**Who is eligible?** All current National Guard Soldiers that meet the following criteria:

- Arkansas Resident
- Completed Basic Training
- Does **not** already hold a bachelor or higher degree
- Enrolled in undergraduate degree program at Arkansas public institution of higher education
- Not currently flagged for serious misconduct (such as AWOL, ASAP, etc.)

### How do I get NGTW?

- Enroll in an Arkansas **public** institution of higher education
  - Must be considered to be in "good standing" by that institution
  - Complete FAFSA [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) and YOUniversal [scholarships.adhe.edu/](http://scholarships.adhe.edu/) applications
  - Let your school know you plan to use the NGTW and follow their policies
- Submit application in accordance with the directions at [arkansas.nationalguard.mil/Careers/Education-Services/ngtw/](http://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/Careers/Education-Services/ngtw/)
  - Application is available online at [arkansas.nationalguard.mil/Careers/Education-Services/](http://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/Careers/Education-Services/) (click on Financial Aid and then NGTW)
    - Download the application, read the attached Statement of Understanding, complete the form, and submit in accordance with the directions
  - Complete NGTW application each semester and submit 60 day prior to - 30 days after the start of the semester.
  - Education Services Office will verify eligibility and forward approvals to Arkansas Division of Higher Education and they will pay the school directly for the hours.

### What does NGTW cover?

- Pays tuition; may cover mandatory fees; does not cover other fees, books, etc.
- Pays up to 120 credit hours or until completion of bachelor's degree, whichever comes first

### How is NGTW different from FTA, GI Bill, & GTIP; and can I use those too?

- Federal Tuition Assistance covers credit hours beyond a bachelor's degree, pays tuition only, and usually can't be used in conjunction with GI Bill
- GI Bill is paid directly to the Soldier and can be used to pay tuition, fees, books, etc., but has very strict eligibility guidelines based on each Soldier's service
- NGTW CAN BE USED WITH GI BILL- NGTW will be applied to tuition first so that your GI Bill can be used to cover all addition costs, if you choose to use them both
- NGTW is replacing GTIP so they can't be used together and no new GTIP applications are being accepted (with the exception of a few grandfathered Soldiers)

### For More Information:

- ❖ Visit us On-Line: [arkansas.nationalguard.mil/Careers/Education-Services/](http://arkansas.nationalguard.mil/Careers/Education-Services/)
- ❖ Contact the Arkansas National Guard Education Services Office:
  - Email to [ng.ar.ararnng.list.education-office@mail.mil](mailto:ng.ar.ararnng.list.education-office@mail.mil)
  - Call 501-212-4045 (Education Assistant), 212-4021 (ESO), or 212-4011 (GI Bill)